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MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

NOV 14 2018

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 8(97) of An Act Making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and for other purposes, approved March 4, 1913 (37 Stat. 995; D.C. Official Code § 34-801), which established the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia ("Commission"), and section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), I am pleased to nominate the following individual for reappointment:

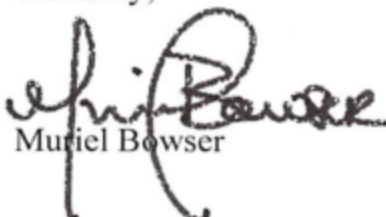
Mr. Willie Phillips
1053 5th Street SE
Washington, DC 20003
(Ward 6)

as a member and appointment as Chairman of the Commission, for a term to end June 30, 2022.

Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, together with proposed resolutions to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of these nominations for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,


Muriel Bowser


Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following resolution,
which was referred to the Committee on _____.

To confirm the appointment of Mr. Willie Phillips as a member of the Public Service
Commission of the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
resolution may be cited as the "Public Service Commission Willie Phillips Confirmation
Resolution of 2018".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the reappointment of:

Mr. Willie Phillips
1053 5th Street SE
Washington, DC 20003
(Ward 6)

as a member and appointment as Chairman of the Public Service Commission, in accordance
with 8(97) of An Act Making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of
the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fourteen,
and for other purposes, approved March 4, 1913 (37 Stat. 995; D.C. Official Code § 34-801),
which established the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, and section 2 of
the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-
523.01), for a term to end June 30, 2020.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,
upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

WILLIE L. PHILLIPS

EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Regulatory attorney with over a decade of experience in the utility industry. A skilled communicator with experience managing complex issues, building consensus, and integrating legal and technical information to shape public policy. I have experience managing professional and administrative staff, developing strategic plans and budgets, and participating in national policy discussions. I have also led efforts to improve constituent services and communications initiatives.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia

August 2014 – Present

Commissioner

Appointed to a three-member PSC responsible for the regulation of services for gas, electric, and telecommunications utilities. As an adjunct to this appointment, I serve on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Committee on Electricity, Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (MACRUC) Board of Directors, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Advisory Council, and the Organization of PJM States, Inc. (OPSI) Board of Directors.

Major Cases

- FC 1142 – Approved \$4.6 billion WGL/AltaGas merger settlement agreement.
- FC 1130 – Launched grid modernization proceeding to explore energy delivery in the District.
- FC 1119 – Approved \$6.8 billion Pepco/Exelon merger, with conditions to protect ratepayers.
- FC 1115 – Approved first phase of 40-year accelerated pipeline replacement program.
- FC 1102 – Investigated transition of Verizon DC's telecommunications infrastructure.

North American Electric Reliability Corporation, Washington, DC

January 2010 – August 2014

Assistant General Counsel, Corporate and Regulatory

- Led a team of attorneys developing legal strategy for matters regarding NERC Reliability Standards, Assessments, Situation Awareness, and Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP).
- Advised standard drafting teams on major regulatory projects, including CIP Version 5, Adequate Level of Reliability, and the Bulk Electric System definition.
- Represented NERC before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and other agencies.

Van Ness Feldman, LLP, Washington, DC

October 2007 – January 2010

Associate

- Advised electric and gas utilities on regulatory, transactional, policy, and litigation matters.
- Drafted filings, comments, and pleadings for proceedings at the FERC and state courts.
- Assisted clients in developing internal compliance programs and conducted internal audits.
- Advised clients on governmental affairs and facilitated congressional level meetings.

Balch & Bingham, LLP, Birmingham, AL and Atlanta, GA

September 2005 – October 2007

Associate

- Advised clients on regulatory, transactional, policy, and litigation matters.
- Drafted filings and pleadings for Federal and State proceedings, including a settlement agreement involving \$1 billion in pension costs under the Open Access Transmission Tariff.
- Advised clients on state and federal governmental affairs.

WILLIE L. PHILLIPS

Executive Office of the President, Washington, DC

November 2004 – May 2005

Legal Intern – Office of General Counsel, Office of Administration

- Analyzed legal issues, including White House Press Corps and security clearance matters.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Key Organizations

- Advisory Council, Electric Power Research Institute (Present)
- Board of Trustees, Living Classroom Foundation (Present)
- Board of Directors, Organization of PJM States, Inc. (Present)
- Board of Directors and Second VP, MACRUC (Present)
- Energy Board, Keystone Policy Center (Present)
- Petra Foundation, Awards Committee (2011-2015); Capital Area REACH Program (2010-2014)
- District of Columbia Bar (2008); Alabama State Bar (2005); BSA, Eagle Scout (1996)

Selected Speaking Engagements

- *NARUC*
 - 13th EU-US International Forum – Energy Regulators Roundtable on Cybersecurity
 - The Impact of Marijuana Legalization on the US Electric Grid
 - What You Need to Know about Utility Mergers and Acquisitions
- *MACRUC*
 - State and Federal Environmental Regulation and Politics
 - Federal policies on gas-electric coordination
 - Driving Force: Are Electric Vehicles the Future?
- *FERC* – Technical Conference on Distributed Energy Resources
- *National Bar Association* – 7th Annual Energy Forum
- *Comcast Newsmakers* – TV interviews discussing “Winter Ready DC” campaign
- *National Town Meeting on Demand Response & Smart Grid* – Policymakers Talk About Change
- *American Association of Blacks in Energy* – Keynote Speaker, Scholarship Awards Luncheon
- *Energy Bar Association* – Distributed Energy Generation in DC-MD-VA
- *Atlantic Council* – Utilities 2.0: The Energy System of the Future
- *Cloud for Utilities* – Regulator’s Perspective on Cloud Services and Rate of Return

EDUCATION

Howard University School of Law, J.D., 2005

Honors and Activities: Merit Fellow Scholar; Trial Advocacy Moot Court Team; Student Bar Executive Board; Sigma Delta Tau Legal Fraternity; Public Interest Law Society

University of Montevallo, B.S., Social Sciences, 2000

Honors and Activities: J.L. Bedsole Scholar; MLK Scholar; SGA President; President, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity – Xi Upsilon Chapter



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Willie Phillips



Willie L. Phillips has served as a member of the Public Service Commission since 2014.

Commissioner Phillips is an experienced regulatory attorney combining over a decade of legal expertise in private practice and as in-house counsel. Commissioner Phillips has an extensive background in the areas of public utility regulation, bulk power system reliability, and corporate governance.

Prior to coming to the PSC, Commissioner Phillips served as Assistant General Counsel for the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), a not-for-profit international regulatory authority, in Washington, D.C. Before joining NERC, Phillips was an attorney at Van Ness Feldman LLP in

Washington, D.C., where he advised clients on regulatory compliance and policy matters and assisted on litigation and administrative proceedings on the Federal and State level. He has also worked as an aide on Capitol Hill.

Commissioner Phillips is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, where he serves on the Committee on Electricity, and he is Secretary-Treasurer of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. He is also a member of the Keystone Policy Center Energy Board, Energy Bar Association, and American Association of Blacks in Energy. And he serves on the Board of Directors of the Organization of PJM States, Inc. (OPSI).

A Ward 6 resident, Commissioner Phillips has a Bachelor of Science from the University of Montevallo and a Juris Doctor from Howard University School of Law.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Lauren Vaughan, Steven Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: November 8, 2018
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Mayor's Order reappointing Willie Phillips as a member and appointing Willie Phillips as Chairman and Greer Gillis as a member of the Public Service Commission

This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced Mayor's Order and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call Karuna Seshasai, Deputy General Counsel, Executive Office of the Mayor, at 202-724-1303, or me at 202-724-7681.

Elizabeth Cavendish